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Joseph H. Sklar et al.

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For:

FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT ANCHOR ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR SECURING A GRAFT

LIGAMENT IN A BONE TUNNEL

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## PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding OFFICIAL ACTION mailed March 25, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from June 25, 2004 to August 25, 2004.

A check in the amount of \$210.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

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